



**LINES WRITTEN ON THE MOST DREADFUL FIRE
THAT BROKE OUT IN CHICAGO IN AMERICA
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You sympathising Christians I pray you'll listen unto me
While I relate the dreadful state of thousands in America
The fearful fire that has broke out it leaves us all in grief & pain
For the loss of our dear Irish friends alas will never see their home
again

On the 7 of October we'll remember it now & for evermore
The dreadful fire that has broke out which causes thousands to
deplore
The raging flames with pains & screams for which we'll weep to
night & day
Most dreadful was their sufferings in Chicago in America

It was a shocking sight to see those victims young & old
In frightful flames & torturous pains enough to make your blood
run cold
Mothers & Daughters in thousands they aloud did cry
For mercy & forgiveness unto the Lord that rules on high

When they were leaving Ireland & parting the home they land so
dear
Little did their relations think that this sad news they were doom'd
to hear
Their neighbours friends & parents who often times for them did pray
They are now consum'd in fire in Chicago all in America

Those who escaped this dreadful doom they claim our pity too
To see them running from the fire shouting alas what shall we do
The Mothers with their children it was heartrending for to hear
The screams of them were terrifying the hardest heart would shed a
tear

As they suffer'd this most awful death we hope their souls in heaven
may dwell
The pains & torture they went through I'm sure no mortal tongue can
tell
Their loving friends in Ireland will weep for them for many a day,
With broken hearts lamenting their loss by fire in America

Now there has been a noble call through the world every where
To raise up a subscription for the surviving sufferers there
And in every part let each feeling heart come forward with their mite
For to assist those poor distressed may God protect them day & night

So now to end those feeling lines I hope you all will lend your aid
And freely extend your charity to those poor suffering people God has
sav'd
And may you receive the reward that has been promised upon the
great avenging day
And for those poor Christians that lost their lives let young and old
now for them pray